PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, kindly amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This Application is a National Stage Entry of PCT JP00/06513, filed September 22, 2000, claiming priority from Japanese Application Nos. HE11-272092, filed September 27, 1999 and JP2000-212924, filed July 13, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

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